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6 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**
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9 United States of America,

10 Plaintiff,

11 v.

12 Alex Javier Medina-Penuelas,

13 Defendant.
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No. CR-24-00428-001-PHX-DWL

ORDER

15 As the parties are aware, the Final Pretrial Conference (“FPTC”) is scheduled for
16 March 24, 2025 at 1:00 PM. (Doc. 88.)

17 In advance of the FPTC, the Court sent questionnaires to the prospective jurors
18 containing the following questions: (1) “Would the length of the trial or the proposed
19 schedule create an undue hardship for you if selected to serve on the jury”; and (2) “Do
20 you, or a member of your household, have any health concerns or disabilities [including
21 COVID related concerns] that you believe might affect your duties as a juror or would
22 make it difficult to be a fair, impartial and attentive juror?” The questionnaire also
23 requested explanation in the event of a positive answer to either question.


24 The Court has now reviewed the questionnaires submitted by the prospective jury
25 panel. The Court’s tentative view is that the following prospective jurors should be
26 dismissed: 3 (childcare concerns and disability), 11 (financial hardship), 20 (not available
27 on first day of trial), 22 (elder care), 24 (financial hardship), 38 (financial hardship), 66
28 (financial hardship), 96 (financial hardship), 97 (childcare concerns), 111 (childcare

1 concerns), 144 (disability), 148 (elder care), 160 (medical concerns), 177 (work-related
2 hardship), 182 (disability), 207 (financial hardship and spousal care), 209 (financial
3 hardship), 212 (financial hardship), 271 (work-related hardship), 273 (not available on first
4 day of trial), 285 (childcare concerns), 286 (childcare and sibling care concerns), 317
5 (financial hardship), 320 (financial hardship), 322 (disability), 323 (disability), 336
6 (spousal care concerns), 353 (childcare concerns and financial hardship), 359 (childcare
7 concerns), and 372 (work-related hardship).

8 Unless either party objects during the FTPC (in which case each individual
9 objection will be further discussed), these prospective jurors will be dismissed. During the
10 FTPC, the parties also may identify any additional prospective jurors, beyond the ones
11 identified above, who they believe should be dismissed based on scheduling conflicts.

12 Finally, the Court recognizes that several prospective jurors have identified various
13 other reasons why they feel they would be unable to serve. Such concerns will be addressed
14 during jury selection on the first day of trial.

15 Dated this 20th day of March, 2025.

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20 Dominic W. Lanza
21 United States District Judge
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